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AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

Claim 35 (new): A method for initiating a software download, the method comprising:

providing a web page to a client computer over a network;

offering to provide a software application to a user of the client computer;

and

only if the user specifically agrees to receive the software application by so responding to a security prompt, downloading the software application to the client computer in chunks.

Claim 36 (new): The method of claim 35 wherein the network includes an Internet.

Claim 37 (new): The method of claim 35 wherein the security prompt comprises a VeriSignTM prompt.

Claim 38 (new): The method of claim 35 further comprising:

providing a download manager to the client computer; and
using the download manager to download the software application to the
client computer.

Claim 39 (new): A method for initiating a software download, the method comprising: requesting to receive a web page over a computer network; receiving an offer to receive a software application; and receiving the software application in chunks only if a user of a client computer that received the web page specifically agrees to receive the software application.

Claim 40 (new): The method of claim 39 wherein the user specifically agrees to receive the software application by so responding to a security prompt.

Claim 41 (new): The method of claim 39 wherein the user specifically agrees to receive the software application by so responding to a VeriSign™ prompt.